

County is hammered by recession

Building statistics for 1992 show it was a slow year for home and cottage construction

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Local contractors won't be surprised by this piece of news: 1992 was a very slow year in the building trade.

Despite low interest rates and

lower prices for labour, not many people had the confidence to start building a new home or cottage.

In interviews with several chief building officials in the county, a few trends stood out. As large construction companies laid off workers, those workers started up

their own businesses. That means there are far more people competing for fewer jobs.

As well, if cottagers were building or renovating, many of them brought up unemployed or under-employed friends from the city to do the work. Everyone is

trying to keep costs to a minimum, making for an extremely competitive market.

In the county's largest municipality, the value of construction projects was down \$4-million. In Dysart et al's 1992 building statistics, there was a total value of \$11,300,000. In 1991, the total value was \$15-million, but chief building official Don VanNood points out that the permit for Echo Hills apartments, which cost \$2-million, was issued in 1991. Take out that one large project, and the decrease in building values isn't as depressing.

And people have to keep the statistics in perspective. Granted, construction is down by \$10-million when compared to the boom

year of 1989. But in 1985, there was only \$4,830,000 in construction. Projects had almost tripled by 1987 to \$12,700,000, marking the beginning of a phenomenal – and relatively short-lived – burst of growth in the Highlands. (These figures have not been adjusted to inflation.)

In 1992, the real area of growth continued to be lakeshore developments. Because of zoning, all lakeshore properties are called seasonal residences and there is no way to distinguish between permanent homes and cottages. Even if it is for occasional occupation, the new buildings redefine the term "cottage." Gone are the simple cabins with walls that don't reach the ceiling and

water pipes that must be shut off in winter. The summer-only cottage is almost a thing of the past, especially since many people buy a cottage with the dream of retiring there. Most modern-day lakeshore residences are built to R2000 standards, with drilled wells and complete septic systems. "The new cottages would blow away some of the homes here," says VanNood.

Some new cottage owners are baby boomers. They decided to build now because of the lowered labour costs. Because they know what the market is like, they can be very demanding about getting value for their money.

"I'm not sure what triggers people to build," says Van Nood. But if his January statistics are anything to go by, the recession is indeed on its way out in Dysart. He's already issued 11 permits for the month, compared to four in January '92 and three in January '91.

"Contractors are saying that interest rates are down and mortgage rates are attractive, so they think it will be a good year," says Stanhope's James Moore. They need a good year. Total value of construction – which includes renovations and additions – in Stanhope was \$2.5-million in 1992. That's half of what it was in 1989. Last year there were 11 new cottages built compared to six in 1991, but with eight homes built, that's one less new home

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Glamorgan juggles environment with jobs

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Juggling environmental concerns and the desire to create employment is never easy, Glamorgan council discovered on Tuesday night.

A man on Contau Lake has applied to sever part of his land into five new lakefront lots. Most of the lots are at least an acre, with cottages all properly set back from the lake.

However, on Tuesday night, council also received a planner's report which suggested that Contau Lake had already exceeded its water quality capacity by one lot.

"If the planner had his way, there wouldn't be much development," said Deputy-reeve Glen Madill, who favoured the five lots. If council followed the report to the letter, lakefront development in Glamorgan

would end.

"We have to look at stopping extreme development," said Reeve Bev MacDuff, who preferred to limit the new lots to three. "What can the lake stand?"

"But it might create some work," said Councillor Earl MacDuff, who agreed with Madill. "Do we not want people to build?"

"We have to look at the environment, too," said the reeve.

Madill said "new development has enough rules and regulations (to minimize negative effects on lake quality.) It's the old developments that are polluting the lake."

Earl MacDuff wants to ask the man making the application to address council, although he at least had already appeared to have made his decision. "There isn't a reason why we shouldn't (allow the five lots.)"

Whatever the applicant wants, Reeve MacDuff reminded him

that the permission to develop comes from council.

In general conversation, Madill and Councillor MacDuff were in favour of five lots; Reeve MacDuff, Councillor Bill Challis and Councillor Lorrie Saville were concerned about lake quality and wanted only three lots. (A formal severance application has not yet been made. The landowner wanted to first get a sense of whether council would be receptive to the plan.)

The report on lake capacity was prepared in December by McNair and Marshall Planning and Development Consultants at council's request. A four-lot development had been planned on the southeast shore of Salerno Lake, and the cottagers association "has expressed concern about continuing development on the lake and the impact of development."

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A DANCE FIT FOR A POET: At Saturday night's Robert Burns celebration at the Haliburton Legion, the appropriately dressed Sophie and Alan Cooper of Hamilton enjoyed dancing to the Cumberland Reel. The musical evening, which included the piping in of the haggis at 11 o'clock, attracted more than 100 people. For those who missed the fun, the Minden Legion is hosting a similar evening this Saturday.

Sherborne 'mines' dump to create room for garbage

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The campaign motto is usually "Pitch In," but to clean up its garbage problems, Sherborne et al has decided to "Dig In."

In April, J & F Enterprises of Muskoka will spend a week at the Dorset landfill site. Using a large bulldozer, they will scoop out the buried garbage and filter out at least 7,000 cubic yards of sand, which will be then be used to cover new layers of garbage at the dump.

"Mining the dump will buy us some time, but that's all," says Sherborne Reeve Ross Rabjohn.

The Dorset landfill has reached its maximum capacity and because of the surrounding landscape, it cannot and will not be expanded. There is another dump in Sherborne 20 miles away, but Rabjohn says it's not fair to expect cottagers to spend so much of their weekend on the road. "There has to be something around here."

The only other alternative – besides finding a new site – would be trucking the garbage from Dorset to another dump, and the Ministry of Environment would not look favourably on such a venture.

At first blush, mining the dump

for sand seems an expensive alternative. The costs will be \$2,400 for each of the five days. But last fall, J & F spent a week at the dump trying out different methods. The municipality was not charged for this time.

However, Rabjohn points out that "if we close this site it could cost us \$100,000 to \$150,000 just to close it. We'd have to cover it, replant and test for a long period of time."

Then there would be the large expense of finding and creating a new site.

Mining will work because there is so much sand in the dump. Not only must garbage be regularly covered with sand, but when the county was working on a local road, it trucked 7,000 cubic yards of dirt to the dump. The dirt was considered contaminated because it had been under the paved surface, and it could not be used elsewhere for fill.

It's estimated that roughly 60 percent of the material in the Dorset dump is sand. That gives the municipality 60 percent more space to work with, and with present recycling habits, Rabjohn is optimistic the dump's lifespan can be further lengthened.

The northern municipality is putting together a package of its plan to mine the dump and will send it to the MOE for approval.

FIRST TO BE HOME



1993 baby was soon on the move

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Little Lauren wasn't in much of a hurry to be the 1993 New Year's Baby, but as soon as she decided to make her first appearance, she didn't stick around for very long.

At 6:30 p.m. on January 11, Lauren Kristen Graham earned the honour of being the first baby born at the Haliburton Hospital in 1993. She weighed seven pounds and three ounces. Because this is the only facility in Haliburton County where babies are born, she also became the first Highlands baby.

Even though the year was already 11 days old, her parents, David and Margaret Graham of Gooderham, had little doubt

The 1993 New Year's Baby is little Lauren, daughter of David and Margaret Graham of Gooderham. She was born at the Haliburton Hospital on January 11 but had to be transferred to Peterborough Civic.

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In Stanhope, the trend continues to be towards modular homes, which are pre-built in a large plant and then simply installed in Haliburton. "People want an instant house. There's no fuss and they're completely finished in three weeks," says Moore. While economical and carefree for the home owner, it means few local workers need to be hired.

"You find a lot more people are doing the work themselves," adds Elaine McCrea of Anson, Hindon and Minden, referring in part to the "weekend warriors" who are fixing up their present cottage rather than buying a better one. "But some contractors have enough work to keep them through the winter."

In 1992, AHM issued 198 building permits for a total value of \$7.8-million. That's down approximately 30 percent from the boom years.

Danny Sayers in Glamorgan is worried that as people look for ways to cut costs, they are breaking a few rules. "What I don't like is people are trying to sneak in ungraded lumber because it's cheaper." Ungraded lumber can also be less reliable and sturdy.

He also notices that in previous years, additions would virtually double the house or cottage's floor space. "Now they're just adding on a bedroom and a bathroom. People's expectations have been down graded a lot."

Eighty-one building permits were issued in Glamorgan in 1992. Two thirds of them were for small projects: 26 renovations, 16 accessory buildings and nine additions. There were 14 seasonal dwellings and three permanent dwellings. Ten of the 13 commercial permits were for Bark Lake Leadership Centre, which winterized many of its cabins.

Although the total value was \$1.6-million, Sayers says that's not always a true reflection of the projects' market value. Some people try to fool the property assessor by listing a reduced value on the permit, even though the assessors judge the building's

worth by a site inspection.

Over in Cardiff, Dale Shannick also had to crack down on the illegal use of ungraded lumber. "If there's a big knot in the wood and you put it down as a floor joint, it's bound to break," he says.

Shannick has only issued one permit for a seasonal dwelling since October. "It's been a bad year. Most of the permits are for garages, storage buildings and additions, and most of the work is self-done," he says. Total value for the 76 permits issued was \$1.9-million. That's down from the peak of 1988 when 133 permits were issued.

Ernie Roylance's concern is that people aren't applying for a permit when they install a wood-burning stove or fireplace. Permits provide the opportunity for Lutterworth's chief building official to inspect whether the proper safety guidelines are being followed — before it's too late. He had only two applications in 1992, compared to seven in 1991.

"It's harder to do your job because people are not voluntarily coming in for a permit," he says.

All told, he issued 139 permits with a total value of \$1.75-million. Once again, the main area of activity is around the lakes, and the new owners plan to be four-season visitors. "People are putting too many dollars in them for it not to be year-round." There are still a fair number of vacant lots on Gull Lake, he says.

Up north in Sherborne et al, where only five percent of the municipality can be developed, Sandy McLean says "we issued one more permit than in the previous year, but there is a big drop in dollar value. It's down by \$1-million, there were a lot of little decks."

That's not necessarily a bad thing. "People are building within their means a lot more. And they're educating themselves. They're spending but they're spending wisely."

He notices that people are willing to invest more in their cottage properties. "They may rent in Toronto and their investment is the cottage."



The bathing facilities at Hyland Crest got a healthy boost from Branch 636 Minden of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion gave \$3,000 towards the purchase of equipment in the sterilizing room, which tops up a \$4,500 donation from the Legion's Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Foundation. The equipment cost \$15,000 and half of that came from the province. The two Legion donations fulfill the county's obligation for the other half. As well, the Minden Legion donated \$3,000 to the senior citizens home's Tub Fund. More than \$65,000 has been raised to provide better bathing facilities for the residents, and an additional \$15,000 still needs to be raised. Taking part in the cheque presentation were, from left: Front row: F4 Zone Commander Sylvia Sison, Hyland Crest Administrator Rheta Jones, the county's Chief Administrative Officer Gary McKnight and Ladies Auxiliary President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg. Back row: Minden Legion President Doug McAdam, 1st Vice-president Lois Adamson and Past President Sally Bonner. Absent is Mabel Brannigan, Veterans Service Officer for District F.

Board must act soon to use grants

by JANET HURLEY
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Board of Education is racing against time.

MPP Dennis Drainville recently announced that Haliburton, along with the Victoria County Board of Education will receive \$428,545 in funding through the provincial investment program, jobsOntario Capital.

However, in order to receive the funding, which will be used to install new windows in several schools and a new roof at Archie Stouffer Elementary, the board must have the jobs tendered out and completed by the end of March.

"It's a good deal," says Business Administrator Jim Bradley. "The downside is that it has to be signed, sealed and delivered by March 31st."

Bradley says it's going to require tight scheduling in order to meet the conditions of the grant.

But the board is currently in the tendering process for the windows and the architects who will be designing the new addition on to ASES are drawing up the specifications for the roof.

JobsOntarioCapital funding will cover 50 per cent of the total costs (up to \$135,000) of the repairs and maintenance which is double the amount boards are usually granted for capital projects. JobsOntario Capital is a special five year, \$2.3-billion infrastructure investment endeavour introduced by Treasurer Floyd Laughren last June as part of the government's efforts to boost the economy.

In early January, the Haliburton County Board of Education was contacted by the Ministry of Education to see if there was any interest in undertaking some projects with the capital funding.

The board had plans to replace windows and renovate ASES's roof, but those projects had been put on hold for financial reasons. When the grant was offered, a

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Monmouth hydro plant may be built this spring

by MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The man who plans to build a small generating plant on the Irondale River is optimistic he'll be supplying hydro and jobs by spring.

"I've now prepared the last of my requirements to get location approval, and once that's granted, then I just have to start the process for permission to build," Julian Reed says in a telephone interview from his home in Norval, Ontario.

The approval process has already taken nearly three years, but Reed says he's almost reached the end of the red tape. Since all the environmental concerns are addressed in this first stage, which is now nearing completion, it shouldn't take as long to get the permission to build.

"I hope to start this spring," he says, his enthusiasm only slightly daunted by the lengthy process. But occasionally, a note of frustration is evident. "I have talented guys (in the Wilberforce/Gooderham area)

who know how to make it work and how to build it. These are people willing to do the work and I can't say go, and I'm sure I'm not the only one. Some day I'll look back on this and smile."

In its application to the province, Julian Reed Energy Services has made a commitment to hire local workers whenever possible. Although the plant will be small, there will be some construction jobs. As well, in the initial stages, such services such as surveying will be purchased

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Donald home completely destroyed in morning fire

A couple who live near Donald have been devastated by the fire which destroyed their house early last Tuesday morning. "There's nothing left. They lost everything," says Maurice Emmerson, whose son Wayne built the house on the Old Donald Road just two years ago. "It's quite a loss."

Wayne Emmerson and his wife Judy were not at home when the Haliburton Volunteer Fire

Department received a phone call at 1:50 a.m. on January 19. Eighteen firefighters arrived at the single storey home a short time later, only to find it completely engulfed by flames.

By the time the firefighters left at 4:30 in the morning, there was very little left.

The Fire Marshal was called in to investigate, but as yet a cause has not been determined.

Wayne Emmerson is a self-employed mason who grew up in the Donald area. He and his wife have two children, both of whom are working elsewhere. The Emmersons are temporarily living at his brother's house.

Donations to help the family re-establish their home can be brought to the basement of the Haven of Rest church on the Old Donald Road.



Missing a set of keys? Leanne Carpenter dangles just one of the many sets of keys which have been turned in to the post office. In front of her is the collection from the past two years, which also includes a dog collar. There are even more keys in the safe. Traditionally, in Haliburton at least, people who find keys bring them to the post office or the Echo (and we give them to the post office)

Glamorgan balances demands

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 "comment on water quality," writes Alan McNair.

When someone applies to create new lots, he or she can be requested to do a lake capacity assessment. However, this study can cost \$10,000 to \$20,000 and most councils are reticent to impose such a large cost on the developer.

Neither the Ministry of Natural Resources nor the Ministry of

Environment can provide councils with the hard information they need. The MNR will block development on cold water lakes if the lake trout's viability is at risk. The MOE focuses on subdivisions, which must go through a lengthy application process most small developers want to avoid, and does not really study the cumulative effect of severed lots. In Haliburton County, the vast

majority of lots are created by severance.

McNair says that Jim Dymont of Lehman and Associates has developed a more simple formula for determining lake capacity. When compared to more complex, and expensive, studies, the numbers are usually quite similar.

Dymont takes the total surface area of the lake and divides it by the number of lots on the lake, including back lots since they too will eventually have an impact on water quality. If the number of lots exceeds one lot per four acres of lake surface area, "the lake is considered to be at risk and a detailed lake capacity study should be done before any further development is permitted."

Dymont's formula was part of Dysart's Official Plan review.

Using this formula, most of Glamorgan's lakes are already overdeveloped. Salerno Lake is the worst offender. It has capacity for 89 lots, but there are 274 existing lots. Also at risk is Gooderham Lake, which has 119 existing lots, even though its capacity is 54. (See accompanying chart.)

Figures are not available for Fox, Little Glamor and Tamarack Lakes. The only large lake which still has development potential, according to this model, is Koshlong Lake. It has a capacity for 247 lots and only 237 have been created.

(Draft) Preliminary Assessment of Lake Capacity*
GLAMORGAN TOWNSHIP
 Prepared by McNair and Marshall Planning Consultants

LAKE	SURFACE AREA (acres)	CAPACITY (4 acres/lot)	EXISTING LOTS
Billings	251.1	62.8	89 ##
Contau	321.2	80.3	81 ##
Fox	n/a	n/a	7
Glamor***	481	120	170 ##
Gooderham	216	54	119 ##
Koshlong***	990.4	247.6	237
Lochlin	74.4	18.6	0
Little Glamor***	n/a	n/a	68
Minnicoek	212	53	63 ##
Rusty Shoe	73.4	18.3	5 ##
Salerno**,***	357.3	89.3	274 ##
Stormy	193	48.2	110 ##
Tamarack	n/a	n/a	61
Trooper	125	31.3	56 ##

CODES: * Draft to be completed following data on back lot development; ** Includes some back lot development (30 lots); *** Includes development on lake in abutting township; ## OVER CAPACITY, based on this analysis; n/a, not currently available

Lauren wouldn't be rushed

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 she'd be the first 1993 baby. Lauren's closest competitor wasn't expected until February.

Lauren was supposed to arrive on January 1, but she would not be rushed. "I didn't think she'd ever come. She really took her time," laughs her mother, who works part-time at the Gooderham Library. Luckily, the labour lasted only seven and a half hours.

The birth was obviously a momentous occasion at the hospital. Along with Mrs. Graham, Lauren's arrival was attended by Drs. Norman Bottum, Dean Stokes and Renéé Béland and three nurses, Sandra Curry, Mary Hamilton and Nancy Roberts. Dad would not miss the special occasion of the birth of his first baby either. "I just thought it was part of being a parent," says the manager of the Schwandt

Lumber store in Gooderham.

Unfortunately, during the birthing process, Lauren released her bowels into the amniotic fluid, which got into her lungs. An hour after she was born, she and Dr. Stokes were in an ambulance heading to Peterborough Civic Hospital's neo-natal ward.

Her parents were sad about the early separation, but they were reassured by the local doctors that Lauren would be fine. (Actually, Lauren wasn't Lauren yet - it took her parents a day or two to decide on a name for their first child.)

Finally, after a week of trips back and forth to Peterborough by her parents, Lauren was ready to come to her new Tamarack Lake Road home. Her parents are now making up for lost time and Lauren is getting a lot of attention.

Sitting on the couch and marvelling at the beauty of this precious new life, Mr. Graham is asked what Lauren will be like when she gets a little bigger. He looks up momentarily and breaks into a very wide grin. "A little angel."

In a year that started with the birth of Brian Johnston of R.R. 1 Minden on January 3, there were 23 babies born at the Haliburton Hospital in 1992. That's down a bit from 1991, when there were 25 babies. The hospital usually averages 25 to 30 babies a year.

According to the province, the most popular names were once again Jessica and Michael. In four years, kindergarten classes will also have many Sarahs, Matthews, Samanthas, Christophers, Stephanies and Andrews.

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by MARTHA PERKINS
EDITOR

The following are brief accounts of items discussed at Tuesday evening's meeting of Glamorgan council, with all members present.

Adding to budget woes

Continuing on with a project instigated by the previous council, council received two tenders from consultants about the cost of drafting plans for a 1,500 square foot addition to the community centre. Although enthusiastic about the idea, which would increase the centre's ability to attract larger events, council was not as pleased about the quotes. One said the work could be done for \$13,500, as long as there was no need for additional services such as increased sewage and water service. The other said everything could be done for \$13,800, plus GST of course. The addition would include an extra hall with stage and store room. Construction costs may be \$150,000.

"I'll have to think seriously about this," said Reeve Bev MacDuff. She had thought it might cost \$9,000. Councillor Bill Challis wondered whether such complex plans were needed. "Let's get back to basics," he said.

But chief building inspector Danny Sayers said he could

not issue a building permit unless the plans had an architect's seal. Councillor Lorrie Saville was talking to someone in the business, "and he said you won't get anyone to put their seal on anything unless you give them a good fee."

Deputy-reeve Glen Madill says "the bottom line is we'll have to budget for it." The idea is a good one, even if the timing is a bit difficult. MacDuff says the ad hoc committee will review the costs. "They might have a change of heart after they hear this."

Meanwhile, council is debating whether to go ahead with plans to improve the ball diamond and play area next to the community centre, or whether it should be saving the money for the expansion. There appears to be no funding for recreation area improvements. Reeve MacDuff says people want outdoor changes, but "what they want and what council can provide are two different things."

The water's edge

Reeve MacDuff is once again submitting an application to hire seven young people under the Environmental Youth Corps. Last year the local youths cleaned up garbage on the sides of roads. This year, MacDuff wants them to concentrate on lakeshores, picking up garbage but also doing surveys on sep-

tic systems. Fellow councillors were worried about the municipality's liability should there be any water-related accidents. In giving his blessing, Deputy-reeve Glen Madill said "go ahead, it's your headache."

An apology

The fourth youth who was involved in breaking the Christmas lights at the municipal office attended the meeting. His three friends had been chastised at the previous meeting and on Tuesday, Reeve MacDuff repeated her warning and advice: "Council agreed not to lay charges this time, but if it happens again, charges will be laid." As well, if the young teenagers have energy to spare, there are many constructive activities in the municipality such as sports night, judo, Junior Firefighters and skating at the outdoor rink.

Before he left, the young boy sheepishly said "I'm sorry for what I did and stuff and thanks for not pressing charges."

What's your bid?

People of all ages and abilities are invited to join the euche games at the community centre on Thursday nights. The weekly games are sponsored by the Senior Citizens' Club, but are not restricted to seniors or members.

Gallery part of arts protest

by MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When you think of all the ties that bind Canadians together, culture immediately springs to mind. But those ties may begin to unravel if the federal government doesn't strengthen its commitment to the arts, says the Canadian Conference of the Arts.

In a province-wide campaign, the association is trying to put culture on the map. "The Ties That Bind Map" is to draw attention to the government's recent cut of \$80-million in cultural grants over the next two years. When you add up all the other cuts, Ottawa is contributing \$130-million less than it did in 1984.

Twelve sections of a 30-foot by 40-foot map of Canada have been sent to the 10 provinces and two territories, and once everyone has added their signatures to their part of the map, the association expects to have the largest petition in the history of the arts.

To show its support, the Ontario Association of Art Galleries has reproduced 50 copies of the Ontario section of the map and sent it to its member galleries, including the Rails' End Gallery in Haliburton.

"Our community is part of the whole cultural scene across the country and it's not just galleries that are trying to stay alive," says Curator Holly Hutchison. "Culture is not something special or extra, it's something that you need. You need your culture for a sense of who you are and who you could be. It's another way of speaking."

Luckily, the Rails' End grant from the Ontario Arts Council has not been cut, but it has stayed the same. If the province reduces its commitment to the arts, cuts may be in the future, although Hutchison believes the Council would try to spread the cuts around.

The gallery is "already on a

low, low budget," says Hutchison. A few years ago, the gallery, which is run under the auspices of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts, had to lay off its part-time office assistant. There are now only two gallery employees.

When governments face tough times, funding to the arts is often the first to go. Not only does this affect the careers of the thousands of people employed by cultural agencies and businesses, but it also reduces the number of opportunities for Canadians to

share ideas about themselves and their future.

"Art is historical," says Hutchison. "It tells our history and the influences on us."

The map must be back in Toronto by February 15. That doesn't leave the gallery much time to collect signatures. The map will be at the gallery for a few days and then it will move to other locations in the community, such as Sir Sandford Fleming College, the Haliburton Highlands Museum, retail businesses and locations in Minden.



PUTTING HALIBURTON ON THE MAP: Holly Hutchison, curator of the Rails' End Gallery, puts her signature on a map which is in protest of federal funding cuts to the arts.

Charges laid after assault

The Apsley OPP report the following occurrences which were investigated in the Cardiff and Bicroft area.

On January 19, officers were called to the Cardiff area in response to an assault. A female reported that she had been assaulted earlier in the day at her residence. Police arrived and interviewed the victim, who detailed the account of that morning and of previous assaults against her. Subsequent investigation revealed that the victim had also been previously held against her will. Some of these assaults were found to be in the presence of children. Police

arrested a man from L'Amable. He appeared in Lindsay court for a bail hearing the following day after being charged with three counts of assault and two counts of unlawful confinement. He was released from custody on a Recognizance until his court

date.

Assaults and abuse against women are prevalent in every community. They are often against one's spouse or a woman with whom a male is having a relationship. Abuse can be both

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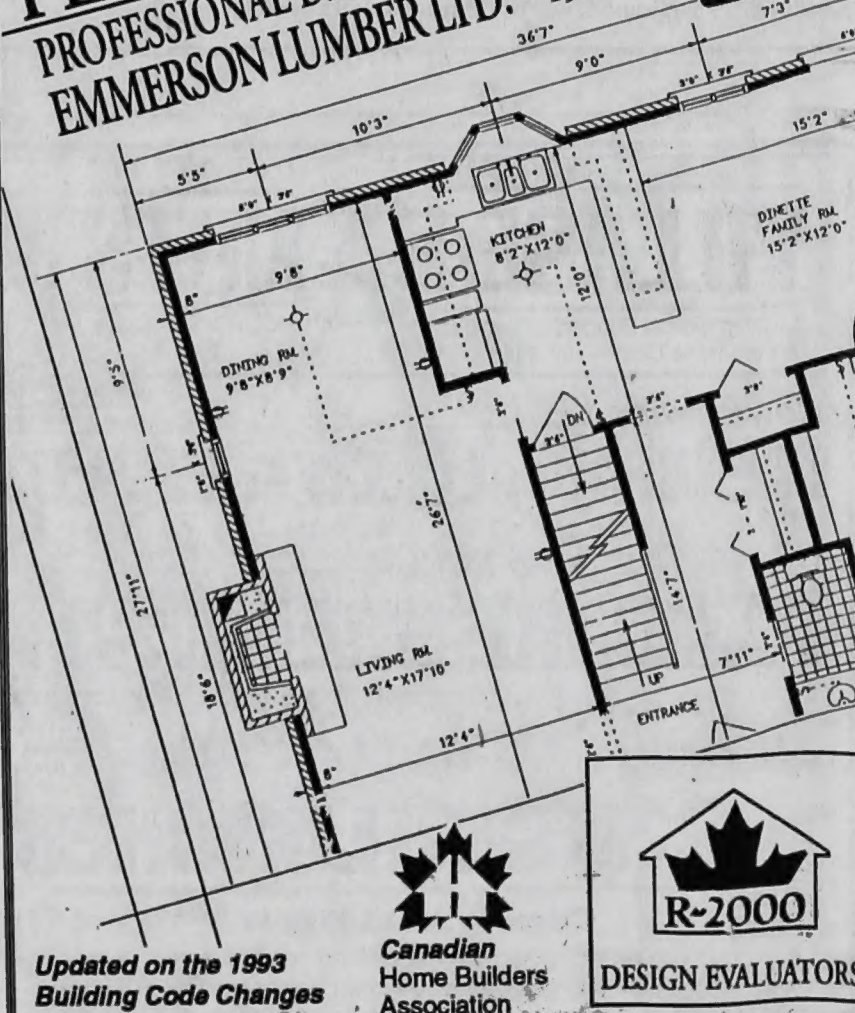
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You know who you are, you know who we are - you should at least, there were enough signs of our family life around our home. I just hope you do have enough heart to return these items. If not, I hope you will be able to carry on with your life knowing that you have taken away such an important part of mine.

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Teachers want to learn how to prevent violence

by JANET HURLEY
Staff Reporter

Teachers in Haliburton County are taking a stand against violence in the wake of a sexual abuse case involving young girls from the Minden area.

The Haliburton Women Teachers' Association launched an anti-violence campaign last Tuesday with the objective of working together with the community to prevent future abuse

and violence against children. "Our purpose is to act as a catalyst," said Marilyn Dickson, a representative of the Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario. "We do not have all the answers, but we do have the resources and the commitment. And we are prepared to get local teachers involved in the campaign."

The launch of the campaign is timely. In December, the news that a Minden man was sentenced

to eight years on seven counts of sexual assault against young girls, left the community and Archie Stouffer Elementary School in shock. While the campaign was not a direct outcome of the incident, the violence that struck so close to home only strengthens the group's resolve.

The "No Violence" campaign is part of a larger effort by the FWTAO. Over the past couple of years the FWTAO has initiated

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Hydro project nears readiness

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locally. There's also the need for someone to manage the plant part-time.

Reed, who as a former provincial member of parliament sat on the Hydro Select Committee, believes strongly in water-generated electricity. The Monmouth plant will generate 500 kilowatts of hydro electric power, a drop in

the bucket on the provincial scale, but it's what he sees as the wave of the future.

"I'm not worried in the least (that the project will proceed.) I fully believe that as this issue washes through, small hydro plants will emerge as the private generator of choice. I don't see how the government can avoid it," says Reed, especially since the NDP government has taken a strong stand on protecting the environment. Where there's no flooding involved — and there won't be with the Monmouth project — hydro electric power generation has the least impact on the environment. "If you weigh the advantages environmentally of the options available, then water power has no opponent" — except for conservation.

However, the government is faced with a major challenge. Ontario Hydro has a massive debt of \$36-billion and a surplus of energy. It needs to be able to sell more power to reduce the debt, but with increased rates, consumers are cutting back on consumption and looking for alternative sources of energy.

Some private power companies have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to build plants, only to have the province put them on hold as Ontario Hydro figures out what to do.

Reed has spent a lot of time and money on the Monmouth project, but says he has a contract with Hydro. It doesn't have royal assent, but he hopes this won't make it any less binding morally or legally.

He attended a recent meeting of private power producers and Hydro representatives. Hydro is contemplating whether to "re-tube" its nuclear generating station called Bruce A. Hydro has a surplus of 4,000 megawatts. Bruce A produces 3,400 megawatts and would cost \$3-billion to repair. "If Bruce A is shut down, there won't be any surplus," Reed argues. The public utility would also save the \$3-billion repair tag, and distance itself from the most expensive way to produce power.

Meanwhile, he will continue going through the right channels to keep his own project on a steady course towards the future.

BOE grants

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decision was made to go ahead with the repairs. Thermal, high-efficiency windows will replace single panes in several classrooms at Cardiff, Dorset and Wilberforce Elementary Schools. Any money left over will go towards replacing the 35-year-old roof covering the original stone building of ASES.

The \$428,545 grant will, in total, fund 12 projects in Haliburton County, Kirkfield, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Cameron.

Aid for women

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physical and mental. Children witnessing violence in the home may remember it for the rest of their lives and may find it acceptable behaviour.

There is help available to women. Police, women's shelters or family doctors can help. If you are being abused or know someone who is, please call for help. The shelter for women in this area is Maggie's in Bancroft.

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Murder trial reveals macabre activities

by Const. D.W. Fletcher
Coboconk OPP

ON JAN. 18 Roch Theriault, age 45, pleaded guilty to Second Degree Murder. This charge was in relation to the death of Solange Boillard, age 32, at a commune in Somerville Township near the village of Burnt River. Ms. Boillard's death occurred on Sept. 29, 1988.

Since the arrest of Theriault on October 6, 1989 much incorrect information in the form of rumours and gossip has been widely circulated. For this reason, the history of the "Anthill Kids" commune and the circumstances leading to the death of Solange Boillard is now being made known. The previous information was lifted at the January court hearing in Kingston.

In May 1984, Roch Theriault and others camped on a wooded property, some 200 acres in area, that they had purchased near Burnt River, in Victoria County. They started from scratch to put up buildings and establish themselves on the land.

In order to support themselves, the group started up a small enterprise, known as the Anthill Kids. They tried making and selling handicrafts and later purveying fruits and vegetables, but neither endeavour proved successful. Finally, they erected a bakery, to make homemade bread, which they sold door-to-door. This did prove successful, and they were able to earn enough money to support themselves. In everything, the accused took the lead, demonstrating considerable skill and ingenuity. As he had been in Quebec, Theriault was the group's leader in every sense.

In December 1985 the Children's Aid Society intervened to remove all the children from the camp. Thus, Theriault remained at the camp with eight women and two men. Following the children's removal, the abuse of alcohol by Theriault became worse. So did his behaviour, while he was intoxicated. The pattern of behaviour became familiar to his followers. He would begin to speak about his need to have alcohol, justifying this by reference to the bible. He

would send members out of the camp to purchase beer or other alcoholic beverages. When he began to drink, all work at the camp had to stop, since he could never stand to drink alone. He had to have his followers around him. At first, alcohol put him in a festive mood. As he continued to drink, he became boastful, talking about his knowledge and his riches, or demonstrating his physical prowess. Later still, he would turn on his followers, criticizing them for their supposed failings or misdeeds.

he would then judge them, inflicting beatings and punishments on them. On occasion, he got them to submit to medical "treatments". Theriault was fascinated by medicine, and he sometimes performed medical acts on his followers, while he was intoxicated. He was very rough with them. Whether his mind turned to punishment, or to treatment, his followers did not resist, for fear of receiving worse. Ultimately, he would drink to the point of collapse.

From time to time, when life became intolerable for them, certain members of the group fled from the settlement. For a period, there would be calm. In the end, members of the group who left always returned. They were imbued with a sense of obligation to the group and to Theriault whom they accepted as God's representative on earth. All the members of the group suffered at the hands of Theriault.

In the early days of the life of the group, Solange Boillard was outspoken and did not hesitate to contradict the ideas of Theriault. This earned her many beatings. Ultimately, however, she became one of the members of the group most devoted to Roch Theriault and his ideas. In the months before her death, she occupied a special place at the camp.

Boillard died on September 29, 1988. Roch Theriault had begun to drink the morning of the day preceding her death. They had had some form of disagreement and he assigned her a difficult task as punishment. She was set to work with a pick and shovel.

At a point during the day, Theriault dressed up

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Weather turns plans to mush

When the Minden sled dog race was cancelled because the wet snow turned the trail to mush, the natural reaction was to shake a fist at heaven and complain. But complain to whom? God? Environment Canada? Everyone who let's their car idle on a cold winter's day (when we have one), thus contributing to the greenhouse effect which may or may not be turning our winters into perpetual and chilly springs? No one is to blame for the disappointment felt by hundreds of people, least of all the organizers who have spent the past months preparing for a race that wasn't to be. By volunteering their time and enthusiasm, they have done their duty to improve the county's prosperity. It's too bad they can't feel the contentment of watching the crowds cheer on the dogs and mushers.

But perhaps the time has come to permanently change the date of the race. January thaws have been fairly consistent of late, forcing the cancellation or postponement of the derby for one-third of its history. There are logistical problems of trying to find a weekend to fit in with the regular schedule of dog sled races held throughout North America. But considering how vital the races have become, to both the competitors and the Highlands economy, it would be an important investment. Disappointment inside, it doesn't help winter tourism when it's broadcast throughout Southern Ontario that there's not enough snow in the Highlands to hold the races. The conditions were fine last weekend, and probably will be next weekend, but what people will remember is "no snow." When locals say there's no snow, they mean it's one foot deep instead of two. When city dwellers hear there's no snow, they think of the cold, barren streets of Toronto, where winter passes in a slush soaked blur.

Of course, it doesn't help when all of our leading politicians choose to spend their winter holidays in the south. With all the stories about Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa's cancer came the sentence about how he was vacationing with his family in Florida, not in British Columbia or Ontario's anglophone answer to les Laurentides. Likewise there were all the comments about Brian Mulroney pondering his future while taking some time off in Florida with his family. Say what you will about Ontario Premier Bob Rae, at least he gives this province an injection of optimism when news reports say he's relieving all the stress of political life by spending time at the family cottage. Political life can be short (even shorter than expected.) During the politicians' time in office, is it too much to ask that they show their faith in this country by vacationing here? Everyone has the right to enjoy some sunshine and warmth, but usually the politicians are able to go on a junket or two to get them through the winter. It would set such a good example if for once the news reports could say that the Prime Minister is skiing at a resort in Canada and actually enjoying a Canadian winter.

But back to the Minden sled dog derby. The cancellation also shows how risky it is to rely so much on one event to give a much needed boost to the winter economy. The county is heading for continue hard times if we think tourism can solve all of our problems. We need to have something more stable to get us through the lean months, something that isn't dependent on how much snow is on the ground, or whether the skies are grey or blue. Of course, everyone's been saying that for years. Good intentions are plentiful. It's getting the people with ideas to set roots in the Highlands which is proving to be so difficult.

M.P.

All Letters to the Editor must be signed, and may be edited for length



Photo by Len Pizze

Public flogging unwarranted

To the Editor
from our Readers

To the Editor:

Re: HCSA Needs Better PR

Does the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association get this kind of public flogging every time there is a concern about the railway line? This organization is not the problem, it is the solution.

For the past two weeks I've read of so called problems on the railway line. Two weeks ago some politician somewhere is mouthing off about speeds, driveways and snowmobiles on the railway line. Last week Keith Stata of Kinmount writes in this space about his driveway, snowmobiles and the railway line. I would like to suggest that Mr. Stata spend more time sanding his drive and less time writing letters to the Editor. Then visitors would make it in and out of his place in Kinmount. I'm sure many of his friends are snowmobilers. As an avid snowmobiler and keen observer of Haliburton's leading recreation I would be more than interested in what research Mr. Stata has which says "snowmobilers attract more careless drivers than any other sport."

As I read this week's Echo it would be refreshing to have a week off of HCSA bashing from politicians and people with steep driveways who are obvious authorities on trail construction, design and snowmobiling in general.

I would like to remind Haliburton residents that the HCSA is a volunteer organization, probably the largest in the county. They fuel winter tourism with events like Snowfest, North America's largest snowmobile event and bring dollars into the community. They maintain more than 700 kilometres of trails and gladly share their resources (grooming equipment) to prepare the trails for the Minden sled Dog Races. Much to their credit they are respected around Ontario by their fellow organizations.

Haliburton is lucky to have the HCSA and the

abandoned railway line; both are truly two of the provinces top snowmobiling resources.

John Enright,
Bracebridge.

HCSA is tops

To The Editor:

In response to Keith Stata's letter of Jan. 19: As a new full time resident of Haliburton County I have had the pleasure of meeting many new potential friends. The top of this list is filled with HCSA volunteer staff.

It would make sense that most of these volunteer staff have other vested interests in the snowmobile tourist industry. Brian Watts with Rip's Sleepy Hollow is no exception.

After reading Mr. Stata's (friendly advice) that suggested replacing Mr. Watts, I phoned Brian to find out his side of the story. In his usual friendly manner he laughed off Mr. Stata's letter and said that he would not credit it with a response. You can't please all the people all the time.

In opposition to Mr. Stata I believe you could not find a better president and P.R. man than Brian Watts. He and the other volunteers at H.C.S.A. are doing a fantastic job of promoting and defending snowmobiling in the proper places eg. on frozen lakes one can still enjoy a feeling of freedom that has been legislated to death in all other aspects of life! I am eternally grateful to the Brian Watts type who help keep life worth living. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jim Battarbee,
Mountain Lake.

Sommerville responds

To the Editor:

Re: Fire Service Heats Up in Snowdon. During November 1992. Somerville Council
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FEIR
PLAY

CREIGHTON FEIR

MOST PEOPLE slow down when they reach 40. At 50 they really become couch potatoes and when the dial turns to 60 you do old guy things like sitting in a shopping mall. That's the usual format, but not for Bernard Sisson, a former West Guilford, Ontario resident who is now retired and living in Toronto. An article in the Durham Sports Break Time tells the story of Superman Bernie Sisson a player who never really retired. Each week he suits up and plays defense for "OK" Jays Insurance at Art Thompson Arena's Industrial Hockey League. His club is just one of over 250 teams that take part in a wide variety of division hockey in Durham Region. The newspaper article goes on to say that the retired General Motors executive brings his briefcase along with his hockey bag to the arena. "Heck, I've never really retired", admits Sisson. He's still punching a clock daily at Bob Foster's as the leasing manager. He's nicknamed the "Lumber Merchant" but team mates say he's a stay-at-home rearguard. After the winter season is finished Bernard doesn't quit; he signs up for the summer league despite arguments from his wife, Joyce, who says he's crazy. His biggest thrill was playing defense with son Craig who, at age 38, is only a pup, says Bernard. Born in West Guilford, Ontario Sisson feels his claim to fame is having baby-sat current NHL star Bernie Nicholls who now plays with the New Jersey Devils. Sisson takes great pride staying in top shape; at age 20 he weighed 180 pounds and now, 49 years later, he tips the scale at 183. When the Haliburton Huskies were the toast of the County, Bernard was a regular player on the defense. His many friends and relatives in this area wish him the best of luck in the future and hope that he will still be playing hockey for many years to come.

Get ready and get set for the 1993 Snowarama for Easter Seals. It's all going to happen this coming Saturday, January 30th when the 100km run will be held at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. All proceeds will go to the Easter Seal Society. To make Snowarama a success the Rotary Club recommends each rider obtain a minimum of \$75. in pledges.

When it comes to sports, we hear a great deal about violence and fighting in hockey to-day. It's certainly nothing new. A recent article in the Toronto Star went on to say that if the game of hockey is to continue in this country as a popular sport, roughness and rowdiness must be eliminated. Well, the National Hockey League has brought in some very tough rules and it looks as if the goons are going the way of the dinosaur. The NHL game now is putting more emphasis on skill and less on fighting. The number of fights are way down and the former goons know if they want to continue in the league they must get down to the business of playing hockey. Fighters have turned into checkers and in some cases are scoring more goals.

If you love to ski and would like to help out a worthy cause why not plan now to head up to Sir Sam's this coming Sunday, January 31 and join in on Haliburton's Third Annual Ski For Heart. All you have to do to enter is collect \$35 or more in pledges, then just show up at the hill on January 31 with your pledge money and take to the hills. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Pledge sheets are available at IGA stores in Haliburton and Minden. All proceeds will go to Haliburton County Heart and Stroke Foundation.

At the New Year's Eve Party at Lochaven the management sold tickets on a draw for a free weekend at the local resort. The winner was Cathy McCulla who resides in Ajax Ontario and has a summer cottage on Kushog Lake. A total of \$170 was raised through the draw for a local charity.

In local business news Diane's Sewing Center will be moving at the end of the month from Stedmans Mall to a new location next to Remax in the former "What Not and Things" store. Sylvia Holland has been having a going out of business sale for the past couple of weeks and the business known as the Village Shoppe is now closed. Brent Devolin has opened up a new business known as Hyperformance which is located on Highway 121 (beside the Beer Store in Haliburton).

A little help from my enemies



CITY SLICKER
DAVID CARROLL

ITAKE IT ALL BACK. Everything I ever said about snowmobiles was unfounded. Yes, they make a lot of noise, and yes, they gobble up fossil fuels, and yes, some of the people who drive them take absurd risks around open water, but listen: some of those folks are also decent human beings. Case in point: last Sunday afternoon, while driving into the cottage, Sussy inadvertently parked her Honda in a four-foot ditch near Kelly Lake Road. (Not her fault; there was fresh power on the ground, and I'd been too lazy to put on the snow tires). I squeezed through the window and tired pushing her out, but the whole front end was buried to the hilt. I started bundling up for the long walk to the marina when five machine roared up beside us. The drivers took off their helmets and swaggered to the front of the car. I was about to ask them if they'd noticed the pageantry of the cascading snowflakes, but before I could speak they'd lifted the car clear out of the ditch.

Talk about testosterone. Sadly, before we could thank them, they mounted their machines and vanished into the purpling afternoon. As I climbed back into the car, I vowed that I would mention them in this column. Furthermore, I promised myself that I would limit my criticisms to chainsaws and jetskis, and leave the snowmobiling industry alone for a while.

But where was I? Ah yes, the cottage. The rest of our visit was relatively trouble-free. On Sunday we tobogganed down Suicide Hill, shoveled off the roof, and skied across around the point with the dogs. Monty was terribly funny. He spent the entire afternoon chasing snowmobiles that were five miles up the lake. Poor Monty, it wasn't his fault. Thoroughbreds just tend to be stupid. Inbreeding, you know.

At first we aimed for Cabin Island, but we ran into a couple of wet spots, and decided to settle for Paddy's Bay. Eventually we hooked up with the Powderhorn trail, and followed that deep into the Haliburton Forest. A couple of times we stopped and took off our toques. The forest was so still, it felt as though our ears were plugged.

After an hour or so, Monty's paws filled with

ice, so we decided to turn around. At the third bridge he started to limp, so Dad picked him up and carried him home. Poor Monty, it wasn't his fault. Thoroughbreds just tend to be wimpy.

When we got to the cottage we set Monty before the fireplace, and sat down to play Balderdash. For those who don't know, Balderdash is a bluffing game, in which you invent bogus definitions for uncommon English words. We never quite got around to playing, though. The box contained a slew of old cards, and we just sat around; reading them and laughing.

Shittah: The gooey excrement left by a group of carpenter ants.

Rhumb: Precursor to the rhumba.

Yorker: One who yorks.

Whally: Used in reference to an awkward adolescent.

Zibeb: Hot-looking French women.

Somewhere amid the hysterics, Dad put some classical music on the tape machine. He came into the kitchen and started to reminisce. He told us that Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto was the first piece of music he ever owned, and went on to explain how, when he was twelve years old, he trooped down to A&A's on Yonge Street and purchased the concerto on 78s.

"It was barbaric," he recalled. "There were five discs, each with four minutes of music per side. Just as soon as you got caught up in the music, the side would end, the next disc would pop down, and the orchestra would strike up again. After twenty minutes, you'd have to turn the whole stack of records over." He shook his head. "I can't understand these people who mourn the death of the LP. I'd take a CD any day."

This is just the sort of innocuous conversation that can be heard at all hours at my cottage. In a matter of minutes, Dad had lulled the entire family onto the living room couches. Mom and Sussy knitted while Andy hummed along to Gershwin. I swear, my family is getting more Rockwellian by the second.

On Tuesday the barometer rose all the way to the "R" in Normal, which Dad said hadn't happened since the previous June. Susanne and I packed the car with reluctance, but we both knew we had no right to complain. From the cross skiing to the philanthropic snowmobilers, it really was a perfect winter weekend. Cold and sunny, with plenty of snow. I don't suppose there can be many of those left, what with Groundhog Day just a week away.

Happy trails, snowmodudes.



Pic of the Past

This week's Pic of the Past shows a train wreck on the I.B.&O. railway, 1-1/2 miles east of Gooderham at Boulards Rapids on the Burnt River. The I.B.&O. was operated by C.N.R.

which took it over from Great Northern Railway. The photo of the train derailment was in June 1925. The first train came down the tracks on March 30, 1960. The track was taken up in 1960 and the rails were said to be sold to a razor blade company. This historic picture and information courtesy of Gordon W. Barr, Gooderham, Ontario.

A house full of memories



NORTHERN LIGHTS
VIRGINIA MUENZEL

WE'VE JUST RETURNED from Jamestown, N.Y., and a very impressive learning experience. We have had a quality lesson in just how much stuff it is pos-

sible for one small, single woman of eighty-two years to acquire in her life-time to date.

My aunt's ancient home has eight rooms downstairs, including the unheated storage room off the kitchen. Upstairs, there are three rooms, including the attic storage space. I don't know how to aptly describe the contents of her home, other than to tell you that my Aunt Mariam is the all-time international Champion of organized and variegated pack rats.

There was, for instance, enough furniture in that house to comfortably furnish at least one

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Somerville protecting taxpayers

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met with elected officials from both Snowdon and Lutterworth Townships to explain the increased fees for their 1993 Fire Agreements. Somerville Council believes it has been most unfair for their taxpayers to Continue to Subsidize Snowdon and Lutterworth Townships for fire protection.

Somerville residents were paying about \$38.50 per household for fire protection while Snowdon residents were paying \$12.09 and the Lutterworth \$4.78. Lutterworth's fees were increased from \$7,500 to \$16,800 and Snowdon's were increased from \$9,500 to \$12,800. Somerville Fire Department's projected operating budget for 1992 was over \$130,000 with an anticipated \$163,000 in capital expenditures for 1993 in addition to ever increasing regulations from the provincial government.

Somerville also presented a calculation of Insurance Premium Savings for residents of both Townships as follows: Lutterworth,

\$125,280; Snowdon, \$62,880.

Somerville gave both townships three months to go back and consider their options. Neither township contacted Somerville until December when each advised that they had made other Fire Protection Agreements. We did not leave them without Fire Protection and in fact, instructed our Fire Chief to advise our people to respond to all calls immediately following the expiration of the existing agreements. This allowed the public the necessary time to adjust to new phone numbers in lieu of the lack of coordination, particularly in Snowdon township.

It was stated in the Haliburton Echo we were "Blackmailing the taxpayers of Snowdon and Lutterworth." If attempting to keep our taxpayers' costs down and provide a service to outside Townships is blackmail, I guess we are "Guilty"!

John Huke, Reeve,
Township of Somerville.

Children not safe in school yard

To the Editor:

Re: Safety of the Playground

As a parent of a child who will soon be entering the school system, I too am concerned about the safety of the Victoria Street School Yard. In addition to my concerns about the stream, I consider the open area next to the street a safety hazard. It seems that children as young as four are not only expected not to play in a stream, they are also deemed mature enough not to chase a ball or toboggan into the street. Any driver coming down either hill would not have time to stop if a child suddenly appeared. The supervisors cannot be everywhere at every time, particularly if their attention is diverted to another area of the yard. As most parents of children this age will tell you, curiosity and excitement will almost always win out over common sense. Simply expecting them not to break a rule is sometimes not enough.

I am confident that the matter of financing the building of a fence will be presented as a "reasonable" excuse for not constructing it. If our tax dollars cannot cover this expense, may I offer a possible solution: have a fund raiser specifically to finance the fence and possibly some local business will offer to discount materials or manpower. I am sure many parents would be willing to assist any effort to secure the safety of our children. So far nothing serious has happened, but, nobody wants their child's injury to be the catalyst that brings about the change needed at the playground.

I applaud David Chambers efforts to bring these dangers to light. I am concerned about a School Board which is unresponsive to concerns of the public and a principal who seems to feel that not only can he predict nature, he can control the actions of four to eight year olds.

Darlene Osborn,
Haliburton.

Even dead fat cats get fatter



THE VIEW FROM HERE
HARVEY CLARKE

THERE WAS QUITE a bit written last month about Steven Ross when he died.

Ross was the chief executive officer of the massive Time-Warner Inc. empire, created with the joining of the Time-Life group of publishing and cable companies and the Warner Brothers entertainment conglomerate.

Ross, who got a lot of nice quotes about being a good guy, party-thrower, and mover and shaker for many charities, has another claim to fame that didn't turn up in his obits. (Actually, most of the stories turned up in the entertainment pages, so maybe they should be called "reviews" instead).

What wasn't mentioned was that Ross, who made a salary of \$3-million — in addition to stock options and many, many other perquisites, normally known as "perks" — had an additional little twist. He gets paid his salary for three years after he dies!

For those of us who are familiar with the terms "golden handshake" for regular workies, or "golden parachute" for severance packages designed for executives up the line, you will be amused to know that this twist is known by the compensation planners who invent this sort of thing as the "golden coffin."

In case you think this is something new, you will be as amazed as I was, I'm sure, to learn that Arm and Hammer, the head of Occidental Petroleum, who died in 1990, will go on earning his paycheck until 1998 — to a total of \$18-million bucks.

I haven't any way to find out, but I expect if that's the current "in" perk, then Michael Eisner, the head honcho at Walt Disney Inc. either has it in his current contract or will have it in his next one.

Mr. Eisner, who is turning up on TV with some regularity, seems to think his personality is as appealing to the masses as the late Walt Disney himself, who I'm sure never dreamed he could be drawing big bucks in post mortem earnings if he only had planned ahead.

Eisner is the highest paid company head in the U.S. and Canada, apparently, and none of his staff is likely to suggest that he just hasn't got it as a TV figurehead. Nor, it seems, are they about to put the knock on his name for the National

Hockey League team franchise he just purchased — The Mighty Ducks.

There is an interesting little gimmick in Michael's pay packet that I am sure you'd like to see in yours. If Disney's stock goes down on the market by 71 percent, then his pay drops by 67%. But if its shares go up by 200 percent — then his pay jumps by 279 percent. Not bad.

The other angle in this is that he gets a chance to buy stocks at a special price, and if they go up, he gets to make some more big bucks by selling these at the higher price.

He just unloaded a bunch of these, however, at the end of 1992, because incoming U.S. president Bill Clinton has talked about a new wrinkle in the tax laws that would mean that if companies like Disney pay their executives more than a million dollars a year — they can't take it off their corporate income taxes.

That's the same thing that happens in Canada, by the way. Such items are defined as "a cost of doing business," and so are tax-exempt. If you figure this out, you can see that while these guys are getting these enormous salaries, taxpayers — mostly wage earners who can't get a fiddle like this in their own deal — pay for the fat cats to get fatter.

It is interesting to imagine trying to get a law protecting the general citizen from the greed of big business leaders through the system in either country in the face of the lobby groups who now hold so much sway in the corridors of power in both countries.

But it is a nice thought. Good luck to Bill Clinton in his attempt to do something about these kinds of inequities in the U.S. Maybe if he does, we can get some steam behind a similar movement in Canada.

Man for all seasons



DOWN OUR ROAD
SHARON LYNCH

WHEN JACK FIRST took a job, he did so with hesitation. Basically a free spirit, he wasn't certain he wanted to be tied down to the routine of regular hours. However, the working conditions were to his liking and the extra money would help tide him

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BOONIEVILLE by Charlie Teljeur



Tournaments keep Novice Cs very busy

On Saturday Jan. 16/93 Haliburton Novice 'C' team were invited to a tournament in Manvers.

Haliburton played Cannington with a 3 to 1 win. Cory Sisson received a hat trick with the assistance of his teammates.

In game two Haliburton played Kingsview, a Church League team from Oshawa. Haliburton put on an excellent team effort by all nine players. Kingsview, having 17 players, proved to be too much for Haliburton. Scoring for Haliburton were Alex Judge and Ryan Goldenberg, with assists going to Matt Brown, Jeff Packard and Cory Sisson. Final score was 5 to 2 for Kingsview.

This Saturday Haliburton Novice 'C' team hosted their 1993 tournament. Teams included Wilberforce, Minden, Manvers, Sunderland, Fenelon Falls 2, 3, and Bobcaygeon.

In game one Haliburton played Wilberforce losing 1 to 0. It was an excellent effort by all players.

In Haliburton's second game they met Fenelon Falls #3 winning 5 to 3. Haliburton opened the scoring first on a nice goal by Jeff Packard, assisted by Cory Sisson. The home team scored again when Matt Hutchinson was set up by Matt Brown and Ryan Goldenberg.

In the second period Fenelon quickly tied it up 2 to 2. In the third period Fenelon slipped one more past Haliburton. But the home team boys were still determined to win. Ryan Goldenberg scored the tying goal, set up by Matt Hutchinson. Jeff Packard scored the winning goal, set up by Justin Sharpley and Cory Sisson. With 28 seconds left on the clock Cory Sisson scored an unassisted insurance goal.

In Haliburton's third game they played Bobcaygeon losing 3 to 2. Scoring for Haliburton were Alex Judge and Cory Sisson. Assists went to Justin Sharpley, Cory Sisson and Jeff Packard. The whole team worked very hard and received consolation finals.

Team members were appreciative of parents for their help and support and Coach Glen Sharpley, Assistant Coach Norm Goldenberg, and especially John Judge for organizing the tournament.

On Sunday the boys accepted an invitation to a tournament in Wilberforce.

After a long weekend of Hockey the Haliburton boys put things together and skated to a 1 to 0 win over Wilberforce. The game was notable for end to end plays by both teams. Cory Sisson netted the only goal of the

game. The Huskies are hoping for a quick and full recovery of one of Wilberforce's key players #10 Ben DeCarlo who was injured in the game. Blake Wiltshire did an outstanding job on his first shoot out of the year.

In the second game Haliburton played the Omeme Sharks for the 'A' Division Championship trophy, Haliburton coming out on top 3 to 2. Justin Sharpley scored the first unassisted goal. Omeme fired two quick goals past goaltender Blake Wiltshire. Late in the second period Jeff Packard fired one into the Omeme net, assisted by Garrett Rockett and Cory Sisson. No goals were scored in the third period. Three minutes into overtime Cory Sisson scored to win the game for Haliburton.

Justin Sharpley and Cory Sisson were named most valuable players.

Major Tykes battle back after loss

On Saturday, Jan. 16, the Beaverton boys were in Haliburton facing the hometown Jasco Major Tyke squad. The Huskies opened the scoring on a break-away goal by Jamie Sala with Kyle Boughner drawing the assist. Before the end of the first period, Beaverton tied it up.

The second period was scoreless with both teams going all out.

The third period belonged to Beaverton as they notched four unanswered goals. Haliburton tried desperately to beat the Beaverton netminder, but he stood on his head and slammed the door to gain the victory.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, the Huskies returned the favour, travelling to Beaverton for some payback. Late in the second frame, the Huskies struck first when Jason Chambers won the draw and fed it back to Norm Smith on the point, who blasted one in through a maze of legs and sticks. In the third, Beaverton tied it up and went ahead on two quick goals, but the Haliburton team didn't roll over and with 18

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Haliburton Novice C's lost out in the Consolation final of their home tourney on Saturday

Bantams are on their way to another provincial trophy

Haliburton's OMHA Bantams started their quest for another All-Ontario DD championship this past weekend with two games against their league rivals Beaverton. The first game took place Friday night at the Dysart arena. In the early going, Beaverton pressed the Huskies with excellent forechecking in our zone and only some good goal tending by Brock Glendinning kept them off the scoreboard.

The Huskies did create a few scoring chances of our own and one paid off as Mike Hartwick took a pass from Aaron Tomlinson and beat the goal tender with a quick low shot. Centre Rene Gagnon who started the play also assisted. The 1 and 0 lead stood up into the second period when Beaverton tied it at the two minute mark. From then on, Haliburton had the majority of the good chances and only some excellent play by the Beaverton goaltender kept the game close. He made super stops to rob Jackie Morrison, Tim

Keefer, Mike Hartwick and especially Derek Glendinning. The latter had two or three sure goals robbed and a few other good chances stopped. Finally on the power play Jackie Morrison beat him to conclude a pretty passing play with line mates Tim Keefer and Derek Glendinning. With less than five minutes left in the game, Jackie took a five minute major and game misconduct. This proved to be the turning point as Beaverton had a power play for five minutes and we lost one of our most valuable players for almost half the game.

Despite handing them a golden opportunity to win the game, Huskie penalty killers and goaltender killed the penalty off. In the third period the team came out with renewed energy and pressed Beaverton. Derek Glendinning finally had lady luck smile his way as he took a pass from Tim Keefer. With a good move, he beat the goaltender cleanly to make it 3 to 1. The game was a solid team effort with a good team attitude something

not always present this season. Mark Hughes showed a lot of hustle as always and made some good plays on left wing. Tim Stouffer, Curtis Reynolds and Matt Galbraith made a lot of smart moves both offensively and defensively. The team misses the solid play and offensive strength of Curtis Bain who will be out some time with his recent injury. Michael Bradley has also missed much of the last six weeks of the season with a variety of injuries and we miss his hustle and determination.

The second game of the series was in Beaverton on Sunday night. Our lack of depth with the above injuries was compounded by the absence of right winger Mike Hartwick, who will miss two games. But the team seemed determined to overcome any disadvantages. Two minutes into the game, Tim Keefer converted a Derek Glendinning set up into a brief 1 to 0 lead. Beaverton tied less than two minutes later and the game remained tied until the

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Weather won't co-operate with Minden dog derby

Weather conditions once again forced the Minden Technical Challenge Sled Dog Derby Committee to cancel the race. The decision was made Friday morning, after careful consideration of the Environment Canada weather forecast.

Trail conditions were ideal Thursday afternoon until 4 p.m. at which time rain moved through the night, any semblance of a workable trail was gone by mid-morning.

"Our central concern is for the welfare of the animals," Race Governor Val Loughheed said Friday morning. "It would be unsafe and unfair to ask racers to compete under these conditions. For the benefit of all concerned we have no other choice but to

cancel this year's event.

"The decision was not taken lightly. The Minden Sled Dog Derby involves a great deal of planning and co-ordination of individual efforts among racers, organizers, race sponsor Martin Pet Foods and many community volunteers."

This year's Minden Technical Challenge will not be rescheduled. The event was originally scheduled for January 9 and 10 and had to be postponed to last weekend. "There is no suitable alternate date in the race calendar," says Loughheed, who will soon be heading for Alaska with her family to compete in a dog sled race. "All we can do now is look forward to next year's tenth anniversary event."

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Wilberforce Old Timers

Ken Riley

IT'S HARD TO believe, in these tough economic times, that the U.S. would spend over \$30-million to swear in a new president. Canadians appear to be not only wiser but thriftier, we know we can go to the rink in Wilberforce any Thursday night and hear all the swearing we want, for free! (Ask super fan Art Barras.) Not only that, you get great oldtimer hockey as the old boys try to relive their youth. I swear it!

It was the case of the missing goalies when Bancroft Canadian Tire took on Bancroft I.G.A. Ponders netminder Blaine Lewis filled in for the absent I.G.A. netminder, but C.T.C. played a period and a half with an empty net. I.G.A. appeared to be on strike in the first two periods as they managed only one goal on the brave foot-soldiers who manned the empty cage. It was Peter Palbiski for I.G.A. the tiremen pounded in five goals in the same time frame, two by Roger Kellar and Glenn Watson and one from Chip Watson. I.G.A. got two in third from Tim Vine and Steve Tripp, but Watson got his second with 10 seconds left to end it 6-3. Canadian Tire now owns second place, two up on I.G.A.

The battle for fourth place was on the agenda in game two as Apsley met Wilberforce Golden

Ponders. Apsley jumped into the lead in the first on a goal from Kim Dunford, the Ponders' Ralph Gould quickly replied. Apsley regained the lead with one from Bill Roter, Royden Hawley of the G.P.'s pounded one in with 55 seconds left, so end the period 2-2.

Wilber's Bev Billings had the only tally in the second. The Ponders outscored Apsley 2-1 in the third to end it 5-3. For the Ponders Hawley and Billings both got their second and for Apsley Glen Tucker. Wilberforce moves two points ahead of Apsley into the fourth spot.

Rainbow Auto glass picked a good night to initiate rookie netminder Dave Logan as they face the high scoring Haliburton Hawks. The Hawks didn't disappoint as they showed Dave the puck many times, unfortunately they didn't show it to him twelve times making the final score 12-2, the W.O.H.L.'s version of Wayne and Mario (Derrell Stamp and Bob Woodcock) had big nights with Stamp getting four goals to five assists, Woodcock had two goals and four assists. This makes these team mates tied for first in the scoring race with 27 points each.

Other Hawk scorers were Gary Burch with the hat trick, Steve Roberts with two and Ted Vasey with a loner. For the Rainbows it was Paul Ellis and Steve Huszarik.

So, if you like to watch good hockey go to Wilberforce any Thursday night and find out you don't have to spend a lot of money to have fun.

Major Tykes bow to Woodville on Sunday, losing by a 4-1 score

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seconds remaining in the game, Jamie Sala split the defence and tucked it upstairs while being hauled down. Jason Chambers picked up the assist while the Haliburton fans screamed with

joy as their boys gained the tie. Andy Dawson played outstandingly in the Huskies net, keeping them in this game!

On Sunday, Jan. 24, the Jasco Major Tykes were on the road again for a 6:30 start in

Woodville. this game was a rock 'em, sock 'em affair with lots of neutral zone checking. Going into the third, Woodville was up 2-1. Haliburton was pressing but this cost them — Woodville capitalized on two breakaways to clinch it 4-1.

Jamie Sala bagged the lone Huskie goal. The Tykes would like to express their get well wishes for teammate Danny Craig, who broke his leg in a skiing accident. Heal quickly, Dan!

Next game is Saturday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. in Ennismore.

Atoms earn yet another shutout in Minden

The Emmerson Lumber Atoms travelled to Minden on Saturday to try to get back into their accustomed winning way.

Allan Pugh scored in the first minute of the game. Adam Wilson made the goal stand up for the rest of the game by extending his shut out streak to

four games against Minden. The final score was 1-0.

The Huskies played a solid two-way game and looked like a team that wants to make a run for first place.

Crowds rise to occasion

This week in MHL

Chip Trueman

HEY EVERYONE, did you hear the news? The Recession is Over! Honest. I heard it on the news. Isn't that great? Well I guess that everyone will be returning to work now eh. Hey, I just thought of something else. The next federal election is only ten

months away. Talk about a coincidence.

Okay, where are we now? Week 18? The season is definitely moving right along. And the calibre has improved since the early games in October. Take game one on January 17, as an example. In all, 22 goals were scored. Can you imagine what those poor fans had to endure? All that clapping. People left the arena with sprained wrists, sore hands, one guy's palms were bleeding. He was cheering for both sides! Final score was 12-10. Youngdale Fuels over

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Haliburton Men's Hockey

Statistics -- 1992-93 (After 13 games)
by VINCE DUCHENE

STANDINGS

Place	Team Name	W	L	T	TOTAL POINTS
1.	Vasey Insurance	10	3	0	20
2.	Youngdale Fuels	9	3	1	19
3.	Elstone Motors	6	5	2	14
4.	Curry Motors	6	6	1	13
5.	Emmerson Lumber	6	6	1	13
6.	Roberts-Austin Fuels	5	7	1	11
	Haliburton Lumber	2	8	3	7
	Bishop & Wilson	3	9	1	7

GOALTENDER STATS

Name	Team	GP	GA	AVERAGE
George Schmid	Youngdale Fuels	11	60	5.45
Craig Woods	Emmerson Lumber	11	64	5.82
Scott Burke	Roberts-Austin	12	75	6.25
Dave Elstone	Vasey Insurance	13	86	6.62
Brian Sachs	Elstone Motors	13	91	7.00
Kevin Finch	Curry Motors	14	99	7.07
Vince Duchene	Haliburton Lumber	13	92	7.08
Norm Goldenberg	Bishop & Wilson	13	114	8.77

SCORING LEADERS

Name	Team	Goals	Assists	TOTAL PTS.
1. Erin Nicholls	Haliburton Lumber	52	18	70
2. Ron Yake	Youngdale Fuels	24	25	49
Scott Russell	Vasey Insurance	23	26	49
3. Chris Hodgson	Elstone Motors	26	22	48
4. Bernie Upton	Vasey Insurance	18	29	47
5. Glen Sharpley	Curry Motors	22	21	43
6. Ken Riley	Vasey Insurance	19	21	40
7. Tim Davies	Youngdale Fuels	8	28	36
8. Brent Flood	Roberts-Austin	25	9	34
9. Derrell Stamp	Elstone Motors	13	20	33
10. C. Rowbotham	Elstone Motors	16	16	32
11. Dan Curry	Bishop & Wilson	17	11	28
12. Jason Billings	Youngdale Fuels	14	13	27
Dave McKay	Youngdale Fuels	9	18	27
13. Mike Rae	Vasey Insurance	17	9	26
Joe Roberts	Roberts-Austin	13	13	26
Barry Boice	Curry Motors	10	16	26
14. Steve Bell	Bishop & Wilson	8	17	25
15. Steve Cooper	Youngdale Fuels	14	10	24
Steve Smith	Elstone Motors	12	12	24

Bantams lead series

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end of the second period. Haliburton had an edge in the play but couldn't solve the Beaverton goaltender. IN the third period, Beaverton took a 2 to 1 lead on a break away goal and it looked as if this game might slip away. But the boys displayed a lot of character as they never gave up and continued to press. Their efforts were finally rewarded when Derek Glendinning scored, assisted by Jackie Morrison on a quick set up off the face off. With four minutes left, Tim Keefer scored on a power play from Aaron Tomlinson and Matthew Galbraith. Jackie Morrison iced the win with a goal from Keefer and Glendinning. Jackie played one of his best games of the season, displaying considerable restraint and poise. Our defense played another strong game. Dennis Mangan played hard and showed a lot of determination as did Jeremy Traviss, who was asked to play several positions. The weekend was a great team effort as these two games saw the Bantams starting to come together as a group.

The Huskies lead the best of five series two games to none and may eliminate Beaverton when they play at home this Friday at 8:30 p.m.

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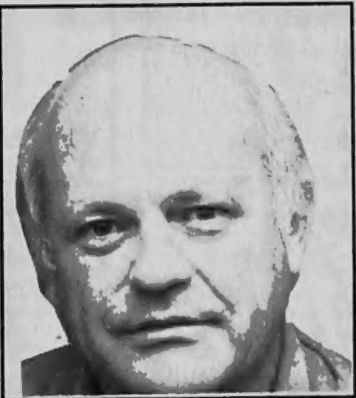
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Novice Bs put their skills to work, skate to 6-2 win over Beaverton

With all the vim and vigour of a team on the lookout for a victory, Haliburton journeyed to Beaverton on Friday night.

Andrew Sachs played the net well, as we are accustomed,

Bobcaygeon beats Novice B club

Haliburton Novice B came up against Bobcaygeon once again on Saturday. The game was a tight one with both teams playing hard in quest of a victory.

Bobcaygeon opened the scoring in the first period, and despite a lot of action during the second period, the score remained 1-0.

The third period saw Chris Bishop put a well placed puck into the Bobcaygeon net on a pass from Matt Marlin and Ryan Emmerson. Defensemen and forwards all played their positions well but Bobcaygeon got lucky and were able to slip a couple more goals into the Haliburton net. The boys chalked this game up to fun and experience.

and throughout the entire game he only let two goals past him. He saved countless others with his well placed judgement and steady skill. On defence, Joel Cooper just kept on going and going and going, intercepting passes and cutting off the shots. Adding in the victory, Jamie Doan came through with strong shots from the blue line to keep the play moving in our favour. Chris Bishop set the pace for the game when with only two and a half minutes into the first, he skillfully slipped one by Beaverton. Cutting it a bit closer,

Gerald Sharp, on a play from Matt Gerry, made it two on the board. Matthew Marlin, with only 30 seconds left in the first, picked up a pass from Bishop and bounced one right into the net.

Halfway through the second, Haliburton hit again. This time it was Darren Kirkpatrick slamming the puck on a rebound from Gerry. Alex Ambridge capably forced the play from Beaverton throughout the game, doing his part in assuring the Beaverton players had a good workout. Kirkpatrick took a well aimed shot from the blue line and had to

take a second look when he realized that yes indeed, that play had put another one up for Haliburton. Ryan Emmerson's sharp passing and defensive skills made it increasingly hard for Beaverton to dig themselves out. Early in the third, sixth and last goal was had by Gerry with a set up from Kirkpatrick and Cooper.

This club worked hard, taking time for a look before passing, and generally remembering all those hard lessons the coaches have driven home during numerous practice hours.

BACK FROM WOODVILLE: These Haliburton Figure Skating Club members took part in the Woodville Invitational on January 16: Tanya Hunter, who came in 2nd in the Introductory B Freeskate; Trisha Hunter, 5th, Juvenile A Freeskate; and Cassandra Nimigon, 5th in Introductory B Freeskate and 5th in Introductory B Elements.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY STATS

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties	GF	GA	Pts
CENTRAL							
St. Peter's	12	8	3	1	79	35	17
Kenner	12	6	4	2	54	52	14
Crestwood	13	6	5	2	46	45	14
Adam Scott	10	5	5	0	39	42	10
EAST							
T.A.S.S.	15	10	5	0	84	58	20
Lakefield	14	7	6	1	58	59	15
Campbellford	13	4	9	0	49	78	8
Norwood	12	1	10	1	28	68	3
WEST							
Fenelon Falls	10	9	1	0	57	22	18
I.E. Weldon	12	7	4	1	54	37	15
HALIBURTON	11	5	6	0	39	57	10
Lindsay CVI	11	1	10	0	33	62	2

SCORING LEADERS

Name	Team	Goals	Assists	Points
Sean Hazeldine	TASS	15	23	38
Jeff Gaskell	TASS	20	14	34
Jason Mitchell	Fenelon	15	9	24
Bob Fitzgerald	SPS	10	14	24
Curtis Ducie	Campbellford	6	17	23
Donny Watson	SPS	14	7	21
Justin Knott	Lakefield	15	5	20
Mac Arnett	Kenner	12	8	20
Paul Handley	Fenelon	9	11	20
Joe O'Connell	Weldon	12	7	19
Jason Lowes	Crestwood	10	9	19
Mike McGrath	TASS	9	10	19
Shane Findlay	Campbellford	9	10	19

The HHSS Redmen will play home games this Wednesday night, next Wednesday night, Feb. 3. and Wednesday, Feb. 10 to end the regular season

Lumber barons have see-saw match

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Bishop and Wilson. Credit Dave McKay, Ron Yake, Glen Evans, Steve Cooper and Jason Billings with points for the winning side. Give Dan Curry, Gord Cawker, Wade Stamp, Glen Scully and Shawn Perrin honours for the surveyor's total.

Elstone Motors were the dominating force in their match with Roberts-Austin Fuels. The 9-5 win pushes them one step closer to the top of the standings. The fuelmen, consequently, were not hurt by the loss as they remain in the running, somewhere in the middle of the pack. Dan Ambridge and Brent Flood actually put R-A on the board first, and Joe Roberts scored later. However, it wasn't long before the Chrysler Kids (Derrell Stamp, Carl Rowbotham, Chris Hodgson, Hugh Nichol, Steve Smith and Rhys Jenkins) came storming back.

Game three was a "Battle of the Barons". Lumber that is. Both teams have been slumping of late and were hungry for a win. This time

around it seemed like Emmerson's appetite was a little bigger. The final, after three - Emmerson Lumber 7, Haliburton Lumber 5. Sharpshooters on the EL side included Mike McNaull, Brian Mulholland, Rob Abbs, Rod Sisson, Phil Barry and Ken Barry. On the HL side Erin Nicholls netted three, while Kevin Sisson and Scott Rae got one a piece.

More guys were absent than present for the night cap. As is usually the case, a small number of players makes for a fast game. So it was when Curry Motors faced off against Vasey Insurance. With a minute and a half remaining, it looked like the motormen were on their way to victory. Not so said Bernie Upton. His last minute ringer tied the score at 6-6. Other broker heroes included Glen Fick, Doug Tallman, Mike Rae and Riley . . . Ken Riley. Leading the attack for Curry Motors was Glen Sharpley, followed by Greg Bishop, Kim Emmerson and Troy Briggs.

I'm Chip and that was . . . This Week In The M.H.L.

CAS offers advice on unattended children

The Haliburton office of the Children's Aid Society often hears from parents who are unsure about when it's safe to leave children home alone.

The following are the guidelines the CAS uses to help parents make proper childcare decisions. More information is available from the CAS office in the Village Court mall, 457-1661.

Under Ontario legislation, it is a legal offense to leave any child unattended without make reasonable provisions for the child's supervision, care and safety.

With children up to the age of

seven, they should never be left unsupervised at any time of the day or night. A competent adult babysitter should be on the same premises.

Children aged eight to 10 can be left alone for short periods (one to two hours) of indirect supervision. Indirect supervision may be provided by an adult in the next house or apartment if the adult is aware of the parents' absence and agrees to look in on the child during a specific time period. Or a working parent can call home regularly, as long as at least one child can use the telephone and has the parents' phone number.

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Should all keepsakes be kept?

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other entire home. Most of the pieces were treasured family heirlooms. In fact, at least half of everything she owns is antique, the rest of it, and it was massive, had to do with quilting, crewel, embroidery, weaving, basketry, and any other artistic endeavor that struck her fancy.

Aunt Mariam is an excellent quilter. As long as I've been aware, she has had one or more quilts on the go. A few of them were even for me. Those she does with her Rebecca Lodge or the Church groups go fairly quickly. It takes months or years for those she does alone. In the craft room of her home, she probably had enough materials to create at least as many more quilts as she had already made. So went all the craft work.

Aunt Mariam is also a self-proclaimed town historian. She has the photos, lineage charts, old maps and letters to prove it. Our own family ancestry is well established with albums, and documents as far back as the American Revolution. Enough to fill a museum.

And then of course, there are the knic knacks and do-dad momentos of her short but memorable trips. All of which have a story attached.

The scariest collection was the antique food packed in antique jars down on the basement shelves.

How do we accumulate all this stuff? And why

are we so reluctant to part with it? My dad, when questioned, confidently confessed that he had as much stuff as his sister. And he is considering the sale of his house as well.

Last week-end, my aunt moved into a nice sized four-room, senior citizen apartment with as much of her stuff as she could cajole those helping her to carry. One more piece of furniture and the place would burst. And there is no way all her drawers and cupboards will hold all the things she will not let go.

Over a five day period, the easiest choice she had to make was between an antique table and a set of shelves full of books. She chose the books.

We never dared touch the photo albums. She would have had to explain every picture. She just kept repeating, "I don't know what I'm going to do with them." What she wanted of course, was for us to take them home. We did not.

I have to hand it to my aunt. By the end of the 5th day she was saying, "Sell it," very frequently. She even sent a few things back. But she also often became upset at suddenly not being able to quickly put her hands on a certain piece of paper that was all important to her.

I don't want to go through this in my eighties. We're going to start having regular yard sales. And yet, how can I possibly part with my Chicken collection? Some of them have lineage.

Cult leader convicted of murder

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as a king, wrapping himself in robes. Whenever he dressed himself up as a king, the members of the group saw this as a sign that something was going to happen. They became frightened.

The atmosphere throughout the day was tense. Theriault spoke with Boilard, while she was outside working. She went down on her knees before him. As night fell, he brought Boilard to the bakery where the remainder of the group had been working all day. There appeared to have been a reconciliation between Theriault and Boilard. Theriault was in the habit of displaying his jewellery and of asking various members of the group to guess its value. He did so on this occasion asking Boilard to take a guess. Subsequently, he became angry and pushed her around. He choked her, by stuffing a cloth in her mouth.

Theriault asked if anybody in the group needed to be treated. Solange Boilard, who had been suffering from stomach problems for some time, indicated she needed to be treated. Using a sharpened knife, Theriault made an incision in Boilard's abdomen. He took out a piece of her intestine.

Solange Boilard died in agony the next day. Theriault later explained his actions were those of God, and that he had been an instrument of God. He knew he was causing bodily harm to Boilard and that his action was likely to cause her death.

In the opinion of Dr. Donald Currie, a medical expert, Boilard's death was likely due to acute peritonitis, caused by the leaking of digestive chemicals into the abdominal cavity, resulting in severe inflammation of the peritoneum, a fatal condition if not treated.

Prior to Theriault's "medical intervention" the deceased did not have any alcohol to drink as an anesthetic. During her "operation", she made little attempt to defend herself and appeared to accept her fate.

Boilard's death appeared to affect Theriault profoundly. In the immediate aftermath of her death, he had her body transported to his sanctuary, a stone altar erected under some trees. He attempted to revive her. He had her body brought back to the main house, where it was placed in his room. Eventually, the members constructed a wooden coffin for her and the members of the group buried her body in a field on the property. Theriault continued to drink and to weep over her death.

The atmosphere at the Burnt River settlement continued to deteriorate as Theriault turned more and more to the abuse of alcohol. By August 1989, more than half the members of the group had abandoned the settlement for good.

In August 1989, Roch Theriault fled into the bush, with his remaining followers, to escape apprehension by the Ontario Provincial Police. There was a warrant for his arrest, in relation to the amputation of the arm of Gabrielle Lavallee. Theriault was arrested on October 6, 1989.

Following the arrest and detention of Theriault the circumstances of the death of Solange Boilard came to light, and the OPP began an investigation. On October 24, 1989 Detective Constable Robert Bowen charged Theriault with the murder of Solange Boilard. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, with no chance of parole for 10 years. This sentence is concurrent to a sentence. Theriault was serving for severing Lavallee's arm.

Jack was committed to his job

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over the winter. So Jack became the land fill attendant.

He enjoyed working on his own and being outside all day. This job allowed him his independence and fresh air. He enjoyed being "in-the-know" as to his neighbours, relations and friends. That need was also met as the job allowed Jack ample opportunity to exchange news with area residents. Retired men in particular were always on the lookout for a receptive audience for their conversation. So together with Henry his hound, Jack spent very little time alone at the dump. And if the conversational pickings were lean on some days, the weather and animals' coming and goings provided ample topics to while away the time.

Seeing Jack pull up to the dump gates three times a week became a common sight, almost reassuring in fact, like the appearance of the first robin in spring. A punctual and reliable person Jack could be seen, in good weather and bad, four seasons a year, driving up to the gate, where he unlocked the entrance and then made his way into the site. He preferred to leave his truck out front, as a reminder he was open for business.

Knowing that Jack was on the job meant there was someone for the seniors to talk to. It also meant the area's environment was slightly more protected on those days that Jack was around. Having taken on the job of land fill site attendant, he viewed the responsibility seriously. Like sentry at the gate, Jack helped people separate their recyclables, carry particularly heavy boxes and bags and pointed out to the uninformed as to where the refuse was to be placed.

Should any out-of-area contractor arrive with a load of old shingles or half an outhouse to dispose of, Jack made short work of him. Jack knew the rules and he wasn't going to let anyone spoil his dump. But what bothered him the most was arriving in the morning to several dark

green garbage bags placed by the dump gates. Sometimes raccoons or ravens had torn the bags apart, strewn the contents over the ground. Passersby could see Jack bent over the mess, shovel in hand, shaking his head. Those driving by on their way into the dump could hear him cursing under his breath. For besides the pollution of this garbage-covered ground, Jack hated mess.

To some the thought of a neat and tidy dump attendant might seem a contradiction. In fact it was just the opposite. Jack took pride in having a neat, well-organized site where space was not wasted and people were encouraged to maintain his high standards of efficiency. While Jack was not able to control the animals' activities in and around the dump, it was the thoughtless or irresponsible people that raised his ire.

On those summer days that activity was slow, Jack turned on his transistor radio and sat in a lawn chair in the shade of the small shack set up not far from the dump gates. Henry the hound lounged in the dust near his feet and the two of them looked like old friends dozing in the heat. Henry used to be a free to roam at will around the site, but one brush with an irritable mother beat changed that. Now he was tied to a long rope outside the shack. Jack would never dream of leaving Henry at home. He was a star attraction.

So it became that over time, the job that Jack hadn't been sure he wanted doing what few people in the area thought was necessary, became an enjoyable and appreciated occupation. Jack even started reading the odd magazine left for him and soon started a compost pile. Then he had the idea of using that to grow vegetables beside his shack.

He said it seemed a shame to waste anything and it was his job to prevent that as much as possible. Jack was a committed man.

Teachers join effort to reduce violence

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pilot projects and only this year has the campaign filtered down to the local levels.

The idea for the campaign came about after the Montreal Massacre on Dec. 6, 1989 when 14 women at the Ecole Polytechnique were killed by Marc Lepine. The FWTAO started putting pressure on the federal and provincial governments to set up a group to examine violence against women.

"While we were pleased with the initiatives the government did take, it was not nearly what we were pressing for," said Dickson. "We were acting as a pressure group, but we decided we should also be prepared to take action. So the anti-violence campaign is part of that initiative."

Last year, six pilot projects were set up throughout Ontario. Local teachers' associations hosted speakers, held workshops and set up community watch programs. Out of the pilot projects came such initiatives as a one-page listing (provided free by Bell Telephone) in local phone books of places offering crisis assistance, wallet-sized cards for secondary students with phone numbers of crisis centres, and the formation of survivors groups.

"The response was overwhelming as far as community support and outreach and we've put considerable more funding in the campaign this year," said Dickson. Provincial funding is available for each local level campaign up to a maximum of \$2,000.

The philosophy of the cam-

paign, as outlined by the FWTAO, is that violence must be prevented and not just punished, that the roots of violence must be examined and that the whole community must work together in order to find solutions.

When Brenda Brouwers, the chairperson of the Haliburton Women Teachers Association Anti-Violence Campaign, first considered the idea of a local effort, she knew there was already a lot of inter-networking of social services going on within the county. Kinark, Children's Aid, the Haliburton Counselling Centre, the Women's Safety

several people attending last Tuesday's launch who represented local agencies. He urged the teachers to go forth and take their own stand on violence despite the number of groups already undertaking similar efforts. Teachers, he said, are looked upon as morally guided people and therefore carry a lot of influence with parents.

"You have a high profile in the community and you should take advantage of it."

The 20 people discussed ways in which the campaign should develop. A speaker has been tentatively booked for Feb. 24th, but the teachers would also like to offer informal workshops where the public could discuss whatever aspects of violence are of most concern to the county.

"The first step is to get people talking about it," said Brouwers.

A brainstorming session came up with a long list of prospective topics. Dating abuse, the question of power and control, how to heal from incidents of violence as a community, positive parenting, and early signs and signals of abuse were noted as potential workshops. The group hopes to offer two evenings of discussion, one in Minden on Feb. 24th and one in Haliburton on March 9th, but dates and agenda still need to be finalized.

Brouwers hope that the meetings will attract public input and help to determine the future direction of the campaign.

"I hope this will not be single event," said Dickson. "We're seeing this as the beginning of much more activities."

"You have a high profile and should take advantage of it"
MICHAEL JAMES

Network, FourCAST and a number of other agencies were already working well together to meet the needs of victims of violence and abuse. But she felt that the schools and the teachers were not part of the network.

"Teachers are working mostly in isolation," she said, adding that most people in the community probably share her colleagues' uncertainty about what services are offered.

The campaign, she said, is an effort to bring all interested parties together to focus specifically on children and violence and to encourage the involvement of parents.

Michael James, the senior therapist with the Haliburton County Counselling Centre, was one of



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